

**BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS – BUCKSPORT**  
**TOWN OFFICE**  
*AGENDA*

**1. Call Meeting To Order**

*The meeting was called to order by Mayor Peter Stewart at 7:00 PM.*

**2. Swearing in of Paul Gauvin – Town Clerk**

*The Town Clerk swore in Paul Gauvin, appointed member to the Town Council.*

**3. Roll Call**

*Members present: Mark Eastman, Paul Bissonnette, Peter Stewart, Daniel Ormsby, Paul Gauvin, Robert Carmichael, Jr.  
Member Absent: David Kee*

**4. Presentation of any Town Council Recognitions - None**

**5. Consider minutes of previous meetings**

- a. Town Council Minutes 1-10-19
- b. Town Council Minutes 12-13-18

*Motion by Councilor Eastman, seconded by Councilor Bissonnette. Vote:  
6-0*

**6. Receive and review correspondence and documents**

- a. Downeast Transportation Monthly Ridership Report –  
December 2018

*Mayor Stewart noted that ridership continues to be stable.*

- b. Bucksport Police Response to Verona 1-12-19

*The Town Manager indicated that there had been a request by the State Police to respond to a person on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. Mayor Stewart noted that the Bucksport Police Officer did a great job at the scene.*

**7. Ordinances to Consider/Introduce**

- a. Amendments to Appendix K – First Reading

*Jeff Hammond, CEO reviewed the proposed changes to Appendix K.*

*Motion by Councilor Eastman, seconded by Councilor Carmichael to schedule a second reading and a public hearing on Feb. 14, 2019.*

*Vote: 6 - 0*

**8. Discussion Items (Manager Clarification and Direction, or Council Discussion and/or Input on Issues)**

a. Committee Assignments

*All Council Members were fine with committee assignments as presented.*

**9. Agenda Items**

a. To adopt Resolve #2019-35 to commit sewer bills for October 1-December 31, 2018.

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael. Vote: 6 – 0*

b. To adopt Resolve #2019-36 to replace the 4 bay heaters at the fire station from Public Safety Building Reserve in the amount of \$14,514

*This item was tabled because the Town Manager received an email from a Bucksport citizen suggesting they review pricing because units were available online less expensively. The Town Manager sent the email to the Fire Department and asked them to review the information and report back.*

**10. Resignations, Appointments, Assignments, and Elections - None**

**11. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds**

a. Troy S. Sheehan, Map 52 Lot 20 – 2009, 2010 Tax liens

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael. Vote 6 - 0*

**12. Town Manager Report**

*The Town Manager's report is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.*

*The Town Manager requested that the Council schedule a session for the purpose of discussing council rules and how their process will work moving forward. The Council agreed to do it on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.*

**13. Set Public Hearings, and/or Hold Public Hearings and Approval of any Licenses or Permits**

a. Pole Permit – 309 Town Farm Road

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Ormsby to approve. Vote: 6-0*

**14. Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda for Council and Public**

*Rich Rotella, Economic & Community Development Director showed an insert for the Town of Bucksport in the Bangor Daily News that was recently published promoting the community. The Town Council Members indicated that he was doing a great job.*

*Resident Jim Morrison asked if there was any plan to update information on the Town website.*

*Councilor Carmichael suggested that we should look down the road putting money in the budget to update the overall site.*

*Mayor Stewart is concerned that the vote to deal with Wilson Hall that was taken should have required it to be put it out to bid.*

*Councilor Carmichael feels that this person has invested time and took the initiative to present a proposal to the Council.*

*Councilor Gauvin agreed with the Mayor, that every piece of property the town sells, always goes out to bid.*

*The Town Manager noted that properties are usually puts out to bid and if no buyer is identified then you allow others to make an offer. The vote taken at the last meeting was for the Town Manager to prepare paperwork for the Council's consideration relative to the offer made by Larry Wahl in the form of a resolve. If you want to alter that request, we would need to add the item to this agenda.*

*Councilor Bissonnette said the main factor in his support for the proposal was that Mr. Wahl is a known member of the community with a history of working to save the building. The building sat for years and nobody jumped at purchasing it, but he also thinks that it is a valid point by the Mayor.*

*Councilor Ormsby felt that we jumped the gun. The Council needs to figure it out, because \$65,000 is a significant amount of taxpayer dollars.*

*The Town Manager will prepare the requested information and the Council can determine what course of action it wishes to take.*

**15. Upcoming Public Hearings, Designation of Topics for Committee Assignment, and Scheduling of Committee Meeting**

**a. Schedule Infrastructure & Property Committee**

*Meeting February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*

**b. Schedule Finance Committee Meeting**

*February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.*

*Council Process - February 14th at 6:00 p.m.*

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion by Councilor Gauvin, seconded by Councilor Carmichael at 7:43 p.m. Vote: 7-0*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathy L. Downes  
Council Secretary*